**YTEP basic information**

Full name: **Yorkshire Theological Education Partnership**

Status: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Charity reg’n: No. 1157739, on 7 July 2014

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Bank: CAF Bank Ltd, West Malling

Accountants: Forrest Burlinson, Dewsbury

Objects: 1) To advance education for the public benefit in ministerial education and for both ordained and lay members of the Christian Churches; and

2) The advancement of theological and ministerial education and training for those with a personal interest.

Partners: The Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese of Leeds

The Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese of Sheffield

The Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese of York

St Hild College

Church Army

The College of the Resurrection (from 2020)

Trustees: Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Area Bishop of Wakefield (Chair)

Canon Dr Christine Gore (DBF Sheffield)

Dr Tim Ling (Church Army)

Revd Dr Hayley Matthews (DBF Leeds)

Revd Mark Powley (St Hild College)

Rt Revd Mark Sowerby (The College of the Resurrection)

Revd Dr Gavin Wakefield (DBF York)

Centres: Leeds School of Ministry

Sheffield School of Ministry

York School of Ministry

St Hild College

Church Army Training

The College of the Resurrection (from 2020)

Formal groups: Board of Trustees

Common Awards Management Committee (CAMC)

Board of Examiners (BoE)

Good Practice Group (GPG)

Student Affairs Sub-Committee (SASC)

Activities: YTEP is a Theological Education Institution (TEI) which co-ordinates theological education across the whole of Yorkshire on behalf of the three Church of England dioceses in Yorkshire and three other training providers. The programmes offered by the partnership are validated by Durham University and form part of what is known nationally as the Common Awards scheme for theological education.

Staff: YTEP has two part-time employees (both appointed in summer 2016):

Academic Co-ordinator – Mr Martine Somerville

Administrative Officer – Mrs Lynne Gordon-Taylor

Revd Dr Janet Williams, Vice Principal of St Hild College, is seconded to YTEP part-time to fulfil the role of Chair of the Management Committee (CAMC).

Services: On behalf its component Centres YTEP:

* Meets all the academic quality assurance requirements of Durham University, eg. co-ordination of curriculum review and development, maintenance of programme and module definitive documentation, operating a board of studies (the Common Awards Management Committee) and Board of Examiners, liaison with an external examiner, conduct of annual review;
* Meets all the student administration requirements of Durham University, eg. student registrations and transfers, issuing student campus cards, processing student ‘concession’ requests, co-ordinating APL requests and the administration of the Common Awards Student Survey (CASS);
* Liaises with the Ministry Team of the Archbishops’ Council of the Church of England and other external organisations;
* Maintains a Moodle-based virtual learning environment (VLE);
* Organises staff development.

Relationships: YTEP staff members communicate regularly with the following:

* YTEP trustees;
* YTEP Centre Heads, tutors and administrative staff;
* YTEP CAMC members, including student representatives;
* External Examiner: Martin Groves (ex-Oxford Brookes University) 2018-2022;
* Durham University’s Common Awards Team (CAT);
* National Ministry Team staff;
* Staff of other TEIs;
* Staff of the Mirfield Centre and the Community of the Resurrection.

Staff in different Centres liaise with each other directly over, inter alia, the delivery and assessment of modules which they share, students involved with multiple Centres and practical issues to do with Moodle.

Funding: Each Centre receives tuition fees for its own students. For the majority of students these are paid by dioceses or other sponsoring organisations, some of which also make capital and/or revenue grants. ‘Independent’ students pay their own fees. Most of YTEP’s income comes from charges levied on Centres to cover both YTEP’s own costs and the registration and validation fees charged by Durham University. These charges are equally split between core costs and costs related to each student’s volume of study (academic credits). Common Awards reimbursement payments are received from the National Ministry Team (less a balancing charge for independent students).

Programmes: YTEP offers programmes leading to all ten awards available under the Common Awards scheme, which currently includes 278 modules – 219 at Levels 4-6 and 59 at Level 7. Of these, YTEP delivers 92 modules at Levels 4-6 and 19 at Level 7.

Taught programmes with the following target awards are offered by each Centre within YTEP:

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| Centre | Fndn Awd | Cert HE (120) | Cert HE (180) | Dip HE | BA (Hons) | Grad Cert | Grad Dip | PG Cert | PG Dip | MA |
| LSoM | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SSoM | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| YSoM | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  |
| St Hild | ✓ | ✓ |  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ch Army | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CoR |  |  |  | ✓ | ✓ |  |  |  | ✓ | ✓ |

All awards are titled *Theology, Ministry and Mission*, except the 180-credit Cert HE, which is in *Christian Ministry and Mission*.

Common Awards undergraduate programme delivery was piloted by St Barnabas Theological Centre (now part of St Hild College) in AY 2014/15, with the remaining Centres (apart from CoR) transferring their students over from programmes validated by York St John University in 2015. The graduate and postgraduate programmes were introduced in 2016 and the Foundation Award in 2017 (used mainly as a fall-back award).

Students: YTEP expects to have 275 students registered for Common Awards by the end of AY 2020/21, 148 of whom are projected to achieve awards at the end of the academic year. 86% are part-time and 58% female. Students’ ages range from 21 to 74, 50 being the mean average. 31% are ordinands (including 16 at CoR) and 20% are ‘independent’. 39% are training for licensed lay ministry and 9% are IME2 students. 24% are on Cert HEs and 23% on postgraduate programmes. 52% are at St Hild College, by far YTEP’s largest Centre and, until 2020, its sole provider of ordination training, principally in full-time contextual form at its Barnabas Teaching Centre and part-time at Mirfield Teaching Centre. There are currently 3 Baptist Ministers-in-Training.

History: In 2014 YTEP was established as a TEI to deliver theological education under the Common Awards scheme, which got underway fully in 2015. It grew out of the Yorkshire Regional Training Partnership, which previously provided an ecumenical structure for lay and pre- and post-ordination clergy training. The YRTP continued in existence with a much reduced level of activity until November 2018, when it was dissolved and replaced by a looser association called the Network of Yorkshire Learning Practitioners (NYLP).

Some consolidation has occurred of Centres within YTEP: three diocesan schools of ministry (Bradford, Ripon & Leeds and Wakefield) have been combined into the Leeds School of Ministry, albeit still with two hubs (Bingley and Mirfield). St Hild College was formed in January 2017 by the merger of the Yorkshire Ministry Course (YMC, based at Mirfield) and St Barnabas Theological Centre (SBTC, based at St Thomas’ Crookes Church, Sheffield) and has an additional teaching centre in York. York School of Ministry’s three hubs in Beverley, Middlesbrough and York operate administratively and academically as a single entity, with close collaboration in respect of devolved learning and teaching.

Until 2017 IME 2 provision for curates (BA top-ups and postgraduate programmes) was delivered under the auspices of the YRTP but this has been brought fully into Common Awards, delivered by St Hild College, with YSoM providing some Level 6 module teaching and pastoral support for curates in York Diocese.

In 2019 the Diocese of Sheffield decided to remove its licensed lay ministry training from Common Awards. The last accredited SSoM students have completed their Cert HE programmes in December 2020, having been delayed from the summer by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In spring 2020 the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield joined YTEP, with its new students starting on Common Awards programmes in September 2020.

Commentary

YTEP is a rich and genuine partnership, with its six constituent organisations each contributing fully not only to the delivery of training but to the academic leadership, management, governance and financing of the CIO. Partner representatives act not only as trustees but as members of YTEP’s Common Awards Management Committee (Board of Studies). The diagrams on the next two pages set out YTEP’s structure and map how personnel across the Partnership belong to different YTEP and national Common Awards groups, with Heads of Centre and the Academic Co-ordinator the linchpins.

YTEP benefits from relationships built up over more than a decade in the YRTP and active engagement by its people in wider church and theological education networks. NYLP is still active in the areas of Education for Discipleship and Continuing Ministerial Development, with Anglican, Methodist, URC and Roman Catholic representatives.

With the long experience of its core academic staff, YTEP benefits from a substantial repository of both subject expertise and sound methods of adult education. As a whole there is an emphasis on contextual training, with all students who are not on residential ordination training at CoR either studying part-time while continuing in paid employment and undertaking voluntary roles in churches or undertaking full-time contextual ordination courses. The partnership encompasses a wide variety of theological perspectives, with students, who themselves are very diverse in their personal characteristics and ministry aims, regularly expressing appreciation of being exposed to approaches and traditions with which they are unfamiliar.

Martine Somerville

YTEP Academic Co-ordinator

2 December 2020

**YTEP Structure**

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|  |  | Trustees |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Leeds SoM | Bingley Hub |
| Charity Commission |  |  |  |  | Leeds DBF |  |
|  |  |  | Working groups |  |  |  | Mirfield Hub |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Sheffield DBF |  | Sheffield SoM |  |
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| Ministry Team |  | CAMC |  |  |  |  | York SoM | Beverley Hub |
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|  |  | BoE |  |  |  |  | York Hub |
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| Durham Uni CAT |  |  |  |  |  |  | St Hild College | Barnabas TC |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Church Army |  | CA Training |  |

**YTEP Personnel and Group Memberships**

Tutors

TEI Reps, Min Team DU CAT

Academic  
Co-ordinator

‘Non-exec’ Trustees

Heads

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Centre

Student  
Reps

Min Team DU CAT, TEI Reps

Key

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|  | YTEP Trustees |
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|  | Heads of YTEP Centres |
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|  | YTEP Common Awards Management Committee |
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|  | YTEP Board of Examiners |
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|  | Common Awards TEI Forum |
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|  | Common Awards Continuing Implementation Group |
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